



INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT

EPA Region 5 Records Ctr.



318626

105 South Meridian Street  
P.O. Box 6015  
Indianapolis 46206-6015  
Telephone 317/232-8603

February 4, 1991

VIA CERTIFIED MAIL P 404 637 826

Ms. Tita LaGrimas  
Pollution Control Industries of Indiana  
4343 Kennedy Avenue  
East Chicago, Indiana 46312

Re: Violation Letter (VL-10647)  
Hazardous Waste Management  
Compliance Evaluation Inspection  
Pollution Control Industries of Indiana  
EPA I.D. No. IND 000646943  
East Chicago, Lake County

Dear Ms. LaGrimas:

Representatives of the Department of Environmental Management (Department) are conducting inspections of facilities in Indiana that are engaged in the generation, transportation, treatment, storage, or disposal of hazardous waste. Facilities are being inspected to determine compliance with Indiana Code 13-7 (IC 13-7), "Environmental Management Act," and Indiana Administrative Code, 329 IAC 3, "Hazardous Waste Management Permit Program and Related Hazardous Waste Management Requirements." These inspections and record reviews are also being conducted pursuant to the requirements of the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA), Public Law 94-580, as amended, for authorized state hazardous waste management programs.

This is to inform you that on August 23 and 24, 1990, an inspection of Pollution Control Industries of Indiana (PCII), located at 4343 Kennedy Avenue, East Chicago, Indiana, was conducted by Mr. Ted Warner of the Office of Solid and Hazardous Waste Management (OSHWM), of the Department. You represented your firm at this inspection. A copy of the inspection report is enclosed.

The following violation of 329 IAC 3 pertaining to the operation of your facility was noted:

An Equal Opportunity Employer

Ms. Tita LaGrimas

-2-

329 IAC 3-38-2(a)(2) PCII stored thirty-two (32) fifty-five gallon containers of hazardous waste (including operating record drum number 14606) outside of an interim status container storage area from March 3, 1990 to August 23, 1990.

Pollution Control Industries of Indiana, within thirty (30) calendar days of receipt of this letter, shall achieve compliance with the following requirement:

Submit to this Office a copy of the manifest(s) which indicates that the waste has been shipped off-site or submit documentation to this Office which describes the steps taken to store the thirty-two (32) fifty-five gallon containers of hazardous waste in storage areas which have interim status. In the future, ensure that all containers of hazardous waste are managed inside area two (2) or three (3) (the container storage areas which currently have interim status).

In addition to the above-cited violation, Mr. John Maher of OSHWM's Plan Review and Permit Section expressed concerns regarding some of your operational procedures which came to light during a recent visit to your facility and during a recent telephone call. These concerns and corresponding comments concerning compliance, are as follows:

- 1.) PCII conducts "staging" of six (6) gallon pails of outgoing hazardous waste and incoming fifty-five (55)-gallon containers of hazardous waste outside of area three (3). As noted previously, only areas two (2) and three (3) currently have interim status for container storage. Be advised that all management of containers of hazardous waste must be conducted inside either of these areas.
- 2.) Bulk shipments of waste sodium hydroxide hazardous waste are manifested to your facility. The manifest is then signed at your site. The tankers remain on-site for one (1) to two (2) days before PCII re-manifests the load to a wastewater treatment plant in Illinois. Be advised that this waste is not considered "in transport" during the time that is located at your facility. Therefore, the waste must be placed in an interim status storage tank while on-site.

Your company shall submit to this Office, within thirty-five (35) calendar days of receipt of this letter, a written detailed explanation of the steps taken to achieve compliance with each requirement. The letter shall state the date compliance was achieved.

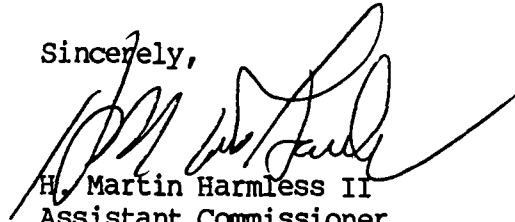
Failure to respond adequately to this Violation Letter and verify a return to compliance at this facility will result in escalated enforcement action.

Ms. Tita LaGrimas

-3-

Please direct your response to this letter and any questions to Ms. Pamela J. O'Rourke of the Office of Solid and Hazardous Waste Management, of the Department, AC 317/232-3409.

Sincerely,



H. Martin Harmless II  
Assistant Commissioner  
Solid and Hazardous Waste Management

PJO/rmw

cc: Lake County Health Department  
Ms. Ann Budich, U.S. EPA, Region V  
Mr. Ted Warner  
Mr. John Maher